

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, all of the pending claims were provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and all of the pending claims were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Schotz in view of Allen or Anderson (5,406,634) or Proakis. Additionally, minor informalities in the drawings were noted and required to be corrected.

In the present Response, the independent claims (1, 14, 24, 32 and 38) and related dependent claims (6 and 29) have been amended to more clearly recite that the claimed wireless speakers include only a single receiver for receiving the RF signal.

In contrast, the system of Allen includes multiple, independent receivers in each speaker, a less efficient and more expensive configuration than the claimed configuration. Moreover, none of the other cited references discloses or suggests the claimed combination. Additionally, the pending dependent claims are believed to be non-obvious for similar reasons. Consequently, no combination of cited references renders the claimed discrete wireless speaker obvious and the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The specification and figures have been amended to correct the noted informalities. No new matter has been introduced.

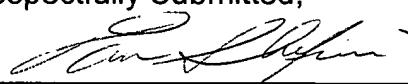
A terminal disclaimer will be submitted upon allowance of the claims to obviate the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of the pending claims.

The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and a Notice of Allowance be

issued. The Examiner is also encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to Deposit Account Number 19-5117.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheet with Figures 18 and 19

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